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SUBJECT: LUFTHANSA SCHEDULED PASSENGER FLIGHTS OVERFLY
GDR

SUMMARY: FONOFF HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT FIVE FRANKFURT-
SCANDINAVIA REGULARLY SCHEDULED LUFTHANSA PASSENGER
FLIGHTS ON OCTOBER 2 WOULD OVERFLY GDR IN WHAT IS SEEN
AS A TEST RUN OF AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD ALLEVIATE
PROBLEMS CAUSED BY FRG AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER'S SLOW-
DOWN. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF OFFICIAL INFORMED EMBASSY ON OCTOBER 2 THAT
FIVE REGULARLY SCHEDULED LUFTHANSA PASSENGER FLIGHTS
BETWEEN FRANKFURT AND COPENHAGEN AND STOCKHOLM WOULD BE
ROUTED OVER GDR TERRITORY INSTEAD OF THE NORTH/SOUTH
AIRWAYS IN THE FRG, WHICH HAVE BEEN SEVERELY AFFECTED
BY THE ATC SLOWDOWN. THESE ARE THE FIRST INSTANCES
OF LUFTHANSA OVERFLYING THE GDR. GDR CLEARANCE HAS BEEN
GIVEN ONLY FOR THE OCTOBER 2 FLIGHTS BUT, IN RESPONSE TO
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EMBOFF'S QUESTION, FONOFF OFFICIAL INDICATED THE FLIGHTS

COULD BE CONSIDERED A TEST, WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ARRANGEMENTS ON A CONTINUING BASIS A POSSIBILITY IF THE ATC SLOWDOWN CONTINUES. FONOFF OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE ARRANGEMENT GOES BACK TO GDR OFFER OF SOME FIVE TO SIX WEEKS AGO AND THAT DETAILS HAD BEEN WORKED OUT WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF BAHR-KOHL CHANNEL. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF QUESTION OFFICIAL SAID THERE WAS NO CONNECTION WITH FUTURE FRG-GDR AIR TALKS.

2. AS TO ROUTING OF THE FLIGHTS, AIRCRAFT WILL FOLLOW AIRWAY UA-L9 TO PRAGUE, THEN NORTH ON UA-4, AND VICE-VERSA ON RETURN FLIGHTS. STANDARD INSTRUMENT FLIGHT RULE PROCEDURES WILL BE FOLLOWED. WITH THIS ROUTING THE AIRCRAFT WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT ENTER OR OVERFLY BCZ. HILLENBRAND

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